

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION (f/k/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) AND WESTERN WIRELESS CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-43
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**ORDER DOCKETING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued August 2, 2000)

On July 25, 2000, Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., and Western Wireless Corporation filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding will be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-43.

The parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing under 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments on or before August 24, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on July 25, 2000, by Qwest Corporation (f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc.) and Western Wireless Corporation shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-43.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before August 24, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2nd day of August, 2000.